1/4/70

Dear Moo,

Attached are pages 469 and 470 of CD 7, dealing with one Joseph Roland Hummel. The marks in the margin are those I added to my copy before making this copy for you.

I write to ask what you know about him (I do engaged in futilities, always in the hope some may not be futile) for several reasons.

This rather nicely coincides with the Bolton Ford bit and the Spencer case, of people who couldn't have been Oswald at that period presenting themselves in N.O. as Oswald.

I find it interesting that the place this guy claims he saw Oswald when it was not possible is La Casa, where, we know, the Cubans of interest did hang out, as well as others of interest.

The first report does not say what conditions caused it: did they look Hummel up, did he look them up, phone them, etc., but the second says he "appeared at" the Dallas FBI office (whether or not by invitation is open).

He claims "im inherited him from Dowling. If so, somebody ought to remember him. And, after your case was in the papers, he should have been in touch. How about it?

I now have other indications from Dallas that an "Oswald" there was a "Trade". And how nicely the Dallas date, September 1963, when it seems unlikely it could have been the McCoy Oswald, but when there was the Odio IMO. Now on 12/2/63 this incident was unknown, for it was more than two weeks later that Connell told the FBI about Sylvia. The report is dated 12/18. This guy makes it up with remarkable advance knowledge on dates if he is making it up.

Look him up and then tell me he lived near the right area on Magazine. I have to ask you because the Feebies were careful not to give his N.O. address.

But don't you like the way Ruby "avoided" this great "embarrassment" that was possible if he didn't kill IMO?

Best,

Harold Weisberg